

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1242

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 137

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 137 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH THE HAWAII GOOD AGRICULTURAL
PRACTICES PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the
Department of Agriculture establish the Hawaii Good Agricultural
Practices Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Tea
Hawaii & Company, Counter Culture Food + Ferments, and nineteen
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Agriculture.

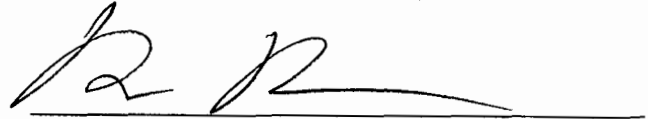
Your Committee finds that a Hawaii Good Agricultural
Practices Program helps to fulfill the mandate of the Hawaii State
Constitution to preserve and protect agricultural resources and
will assist small farms to develop science- and risk-based good
agricultural practices to reasonably reduce the potential for on-
farm food-borne illnesses by providing education and compliance
certification programs. Your Committee further finds that the
Program will aid farmers with compliance under the Food Safety
Modernization Act of 2011, which authorizes the Food and Drug
Administration to set minimum criteria for preventing food-borne
illnesses, once Hawaii farmers come under the authority of the
Act.



Your Committee also finds that the Department of Agriculture requires funds in order to properly establish the Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 137 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. E. Ruderman', written over a horizontal line.

RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 137</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">AGL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/31/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">S. P. L. W.</div>				
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